

The Hero

Back to the Start • Genesis 14-15 • Message 7

Abram the Hero - Genesis 14

Read Genesis 14:1-12. How would you have felt about Lot's capture if you were in Abram's shoes?

Read Genesis 14:13-16. Which is more impressive to you: Abraham's military success or his loyalty to his nephew Lot?

Read Genesis 14:17-24. What do you think Abram was trying to say by giving ten percent of "everything" to Melchizedek?

The Abram of chapter 14 is significantly different from the one who went down to Egypt at the end of chapter 12. What differences do you see? What made him so different?

The Covenant - Genesis 15

Read Genesis 15:1-6. How does this promise compare to the one in 12:1-3?

I taught three lessons about righteousness on Sunday based on verse 6:

- * Righteousness is something God "credits" to people.
- * Righteousness comes from a firm commitment.
- * Righteousness comes from accepting what God says.

What do you think about those statements?

Read Genesis 15:7-21. I said on Sunday that the ritual of cutting an animal in half and walking through the middle was similar to our statement "Cross my heart and hope to die." Have you ever used that phrase?

What does it mean that God symbolically passed through the cut animals on his own, without Abram?

What's your reaction to Sunday's concluding statement?

**God is a one-sided-covenant-making God,
and he just wants you to say, "OK."**

Genesis 14 might make us think that Abram is some kind of hero, but after we hear from Melchizedek, and even moreso after we see chapter 15, we realize that the true hero is God himself and God alone. He wants to be our hero. He just wants us to let him.

Take it Home

What does it mean to say "OK" to God?

The Hero

Back to the Start • Genesis 14-15 • Message 7

Abram the Hero - Genesis 14

Read Genesis 14:1-12. How would you have felt about Lot's capture if you were in Abram's shoes?

Read Genesis 14:13-16. Which is more impressive to you: Abraham's military success or his loyalty to his nephew Lot?

Read Genesis 14:17-24. What do you think Abram was trying to say by giving ten percent of "everything" to Melchizedek?

The Abram of chapter 14 is significantly different from the one who went down to Egypt at the end of chapter 12. What differences do you see? What made him so different?

The Covenant - Genesis 15

Read Genesis 15:1-6. How does this promise compare to the one in 12:1-3?

I taught three lessons about righteousness on Sunday based on verse 6:

- * Righteousness is something God "credits" to people.
- * Righteousness comes from a firm commitment.
- * Righteousness comes from accepting what God says.

What do you think about those statements?

Read Genesis 15:7-21. I said on Sunday that the ritual of cutting an animal in half and walking through the middle was similar to our statement "Cross my heart and hope to die." Have you ever used that phrase?

What does it mean that God symbolically passed through the cut animals on his own, without Abram?

What's your reaction to Sunday's concluding statement?

**God is a one-sided-covenant-making God,
and he just wants you to say, "OK."**

Genesis 14 might make us think that Abram is some kind of hero, but after we hear from Melchizedek, and even moreso after we see chapter 15, we realize that the true hero is God himself and God alone. He wants to be our hero. He just wants us to let him.

Take it Home

What does it mean to say "OK" to God?